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To The Federal Communications Commission:

This letter is an entry into the public comment period regarding restrictions on ownership of media outlets, nationally and in a single city.

I ~~am~~ an independent writer and musician. My songs deal with healing, particularly healing romantic issues. Once upon a time, I thought that because of my way with words, melody, personal appearance ~~and~~ overall intelligence, that I would find a venue for my work – after all, doesn't everybody want greater love in their lives? But the last fifteen years have proven me wrong, and not ~~just~~ because the only chance for being heard outside of one's neighborhood is through distribution by a major label. It has ~~as~~ well to do with how horribly the culture has been "dumbed-down" from the days when intelligent artists ruled the air-waves.

Therefore, when I write to suggest that you are wrong to relax the rules governing media monopoly, I question ~~as~~ much the morality of the monopoly in place as I do the economic integrity of such a proposal. And make no mistake about it, the proposed change in rules would only be the finishing touch on a grotesque take-over by the pro's in charge of what's available on cable. To think that the Internet, MP3, and the rest of the technology's leveling of the culture into one big "Do It Yourself" festival balances the consolidation of corporate power is either painfully naïve or blindly corrupt. We are obviously not playing by "free market" rules to begin with. The notion of "giving the people what they want" has been skewed by a labyrinthine creative club-house of vulgar elitists playing to the vulgar masses, a co-optation of human values seeded long before this multi-media blossoming. If there was any indication that mass media news and entertainment was selected and presented fairly, I doubt I would care much about the concentration of power in the hands of a clever few. But, sadly, this is not the case.

Messrs. Powell, Adelstein, Copps, et al. – you are no doubt aware of the interrelationships between health, education, and mass communication. You do not need to be reminded that the economic impact of further consolidation comes at the expense of many valuable resources. Frankly, if the Federal Government knew how to create positive synergy in the not-so-separate realms of health, education, business

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management, and civic reform, much more promising ways to regulate the media would present themselves. Instead, you all seem stuck in a weird moral vacuum, horribly out of touch with the needs – **as** opposed to the instant gratifications – of the people you meant to serve. The United States of America is about freedom, which includes Free Enterprise, the Bill of Rights, and much else that has been manipulated to serve **an** extremely questionable set of assumptions regarding human nature. Surely I do not have to state my case any more plainly for you to understand what I mean.

So, I go on record cherishing an independent press and a government enthusiastic to see it flourish. I am not happy about the way my FM radio dial has become the equivalent of the food **court** at a shopping mall, and it's easy to see that the rules changes would result in even more of that in the rest of the media. I suspect that you actually prefer having FM radio offer the equivalent in musical menus to that of a mall food **court**, but I would not be so presumptuous as to think I know why. If it is for purely business reasons, I ask you to reconsider the over-all picture. If, on the other hand, it is because you fundamentally support the kind of thinking that **has** ruined America's diet, environment and its once thriving music industry, then I suppose I am addressing sponsors of the very morality with which I am so deeply chagrined. In that case, I pray you look within your hearts and souls to salvage perspectives urgently needed to rectify this present global chaos.



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